



BLANCO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
P.O. BOX 972, BLANCO, TX 78606

**Agenda Regular Session
Board of Commissioners
July 21, 2020
JULY IS FIRST RESPONDER MONTH**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BLANCO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 WILL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON **TUESDAY, JULY 21ST, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.** THROUGH AUDIO CONFERENCING AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS SHALL BE DISCUSSED AND ACTION CONSIDERED AND/OR TAKEN.

Meeting Access Instructions

To join the meeting electronically, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83866032578> or you may join by telephone only by dialing (346) 248-7799 and entering Meeting ID# 838 6603 2578.

1. **Call to Order / Announcements** - Establish a quorum.
2. **Public Comment** - No action may be taken on these items unless on agenda. Please limit comments to 2 minutes per person.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Items will be approved with a single vote. Items can be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.
 - a. Approval of the June 16, 2020 regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Financial Report as of 6/30/2020
 - i. Monthly Financials:
 1. Texas Regional \$1,418,402.05
 2. CD #714430 \$128,651.10
 3. Lone Star Money Market \$237,797.03
4. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary**
 - a. Consider requests / actions submitted to ESD
 - b. 3rd Quarter Report due to ESD
5. **Chiefs' Report**
 - a. COVID-19 Update
 - b. Operations Reports Fire & EMS
 - i. Wildland Fire Questions - Steve
6. **Finance Matters**
 - a. **FY2021 Budget**
 - i. Consider Approval of FY2021 Compensation Rates
 - ii. Review proposed FY2021 Budget and consideration of amendments
 - iii. Consider Approval of the FY2021 Budget
 - iv. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Blanco County ESD No. 1 for shared expenses for EMS Chief
 - b. **Information item: August 11, 2020 Special Meeting / (Public Hearing if required)** to adopt a tax rate. Examine the critical timeline for adopting a tax rate. Notice of Tax Rate in paper (Aug. 5 or 12) & website, Aug. 7th. IF Tax Assessor had populated the data base. Notice must be at least 5 days after population of the database. Adoption of tax rate must be not later than the 7th day after the public hearing or at the public hearing.

- c. **Review Vehicle Insurance Policy & Discuss Follow up Action if Warranted** – Ben was given this task.
7. **Station Update:**
 - a. Project Closeout / Final Retainage / Final Amortization Schedule – Mike Rieken
 - b. Examine station loan refinance possibilities - Lynne
8. **Miscellaneous Updates**
 - a. Review 'District Property Accounting System' Policy – DEFERRED TO SEPT MEETING
 - b. Revisions to 'Monthly Actions' – Ann Hall
9. **Executive Session** - Discuss personnel matters on this agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code.
10. **Return to Open Session:** Discuss and consider action on matters discussed in Executive Session
11. **Adjourn:** Next meetings will be **Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at noon and Tuesday, August 18 at 3:00 PM.** The decision about how the meeting will be held will depend on the State and County Orders and recommendations from Chief Oakley. At this time they will be Zoom meetings.

The District reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order. It also reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting on any agenda item as allowed by law. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act *do not* apply to a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for the next meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING 72 HOUR NOTICE

The above Notice of Meeting was posted at 5:00 P.M. on this 16TH day of JULY, 2020 at a place convenient to the public at the Blanco County ESD 2 Station, 431 Blanco Ave., Blanco, Texas and on the Blanco County ESD 2 website at www.bcesd2.com.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of office on the above date.

By  _____, Ben Oakley

Upcoming Monthly Actions or Actions Not Completed

June

1. ESD Commissioners approve salary ranges for the next fiscal year.

July

1. **New: July 25, 2020.** Adds certified estimate of the taxable value in a taxing unit, if by July 20, the ARB has not approved the appraisal records. The estimate is for the no-new-revenue and the voter-approval tax rates calculations.
2. ESD Commissioners approve ~~Preliminary~~ Budget and appropriations requests for next fiscal year; determine if a REQUIRED election must be held to approve the tax rate.
3. Fire & EMS 501c3 Auxiliary provides quarterly report at ESD meeting

August Meeting dates: **August 11 noon** Public Hearing if required & Set Tax Rate; **August 18th** Regular meeting. At this time, both will be Zoom meetings.

1. August 7, Appraisal district notice to taxpayers about property tax database
2. New Posting Requirements: By August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable, publish notice on webpage. 2021 tax year for BCESD2 due date to have webpage unless previously had one.
3. ESD may not hold a public hearing or meeting on a tax rate until the fifth day after the date the chief appraiser delivered the estimated taxes notice and published tax rates on database, public hearing and public meeting information, and tax rate calculation forms. **Begins 2021 tax year.**

ESD may not adopt a tax rate until the chief appraiser has complied with Tax Code Section 26.05(d-1). The governing body of a taxing unit other than a school district may not hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate or a public meeting to adopt a tax rate until the fifth day after the date the chief appraiser of each appraisal district in which the taxing unit participates has:

(1) delivered the notice required by Section 28.04(e-2)[the estimated amount of interest and sinking fund balances and the estimated amount of maintenance and operation or general fund balances remaining at the end of the current fiscal year that are not encumbered with or by corresponding existing debt obligation]; and

(2) complied with Section 26.17(f) [(f) The chief appraiser shall make the information described by Subsection (e)(1) and the tax rate calculation forms described by Subsection (e)(2) available to the public not later than the third business day after the date the information and forms are incorporated into the database].

4. Modifies the public hearing requirement to only one hearing when proposing a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the Voter-approval tax rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate. Cannot hold the public hearing required before the fifth (rather than the seventh) day after the date the notice of the public hearing is given. Public hearing notice must be posted on the taxing unit's home page when the proposed rate exceeds the lower of the VA tax rate or the NNR tax rate.
5. (August 24, 2020 (71st day before Uniform Nov. election date). Adds requirement for ESD to adopt a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate not later than the 71st day before the next uniform November election date.
6. August 17, 2020 or earlier (78st day before uniform Nov. election date), Order calling for an election must be issued by the 78st day before the date of the election.
7. ESD must hold the meeting to vote on the tax increase not later than the seventh day after the public hearing or may vote on the tax rate at the Public Hearing. Tax Code 26.06(e).